



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
April 1, 2025
6 PM - NEW YORK MILLS UFSD LIBRARY

☒ Kristin Hubley
☒ Robert Mahardy, Jr.
☐ Sara DeFazio
☒ Jacqueline Edwards
☒ Jeremy Fennell
☒ Steve King
☒ Abbie Taylor

Agenda Item	Who	Information Distributed	Action	Notes
1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER	6:00 PM			
1.1 Pledge to the Flag			Procedural	
1.2 Reading of the New York Mills UFSD Mission Statement.			Procedural	<i>Through combined efforts of students, staff, parents and community members, our mission is to foster the confidence, knowledge, cognition, and character necessary to instill a strong work ethic, to create an environment of tolerance and respect, and to ignite an attitude of inquiry and enthusiasm for learning that will enable students to become productive, responsible citizens.</i>
1.3 Acceptance of Agenda	K. Hubley	Yes	Action	1 st R.Mahardy, Jr. 2 nd S.King / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
2. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS				
<i>Presentation:</i>				
2.1 President's Message	K. Hubley		Information	
K. Hubley: I am going to turn this over to Mary Ann DeBenardis – Director of our Annie Jr. Musical, so I will turn this over to her. M.DeBernardis – Yes. Hi! Hi Members of the Board, I don't know some of you but I can see your names. My name is Maryann DeBernardis, I am a retired music teacher from the UCSD. I spent several years teaching at Columbus and that is how I know Mrs. DiSpirito, I retired from Columbus in 2021. My absolute passion has always been kids and musical theatre and everything I taught while in school had a theatrical theme to it. My spring and winter concerts had some				

kind of dialog, props and costumes. And many years ago, there was something called “It’s a Zoo Theatre Competition” it was the master mind of a gal by the name of Maria Pavlock, through a grant in Oneida County. We got to write our own shows about animals and nature. My students 2 years in a row won, performing scripts I wrote. We got to perform at the Stanley and the Bronx Zoo. So, in my other life before I taught, I was on stage. I have an identical sister and both of us were in every single musical community theatre. So, when Mrs. DiSpirito called me a couple of months back and asked me to do this, I couldn’t even let her finish that’s how excited I was to take on this project. I choose Annie Jr. and I checked your posters to make should what I chose hadn’t been done in the past 5 years. And as I’m looking at your posters, I noticed 2 names Kate Daily and John Crouse. And Kate Daily, bless her sole was a very good friend of mine and John Crouse is a good friend of mine, I know they use to do the shows here. I am keeping my fingers crossed that if no one from within is interested with this project *AGAIN* I would be *MORE* than happy to do the elementary and the high school show. At this point, I would like to introduce Jared McFarlen. Jared - Oh, sure... I am relatively new to the area. I grew up on the west coast. I taught for 10 years in Oregon and so this is my 2nd year in the Utica area and I am happy to be here. M.DeBernardis – he is absolutely amazing. Okay. [to the students] I would like you, one at a time please, to stand-up and introduce yourself. First name, last name, grade and the part you have in the show. Hi I’m Lia Ward, 6th grade and I play the role of Duffy, one of the orphans; Hi my name is Maksim Luiso , 5th grade and play the role of Daddy Warbucks. I’m Audrey Martin, 5th grade and play the role of one of the orphans Molly; I’m Alyssah Frank, 4th grade, and I play the role of Lily St. Regis; Hi I’m Ejaz Ali, 4th grade and I play Apple seller and Cecile; Leonardo Losada I’m in grade 5, I play as the Dog Catcher, Ward Cop and President Roosevelt; Hi my name is Colt Sebastian, I’m in grade 4 and I play the Sound Man, the Chauffeur and the servant; Hi I’m Olivia Taylor, I’m in 6th grade and I play Miss Drake; Julia, I’m in 6th grade and I play the Announcer; Norahlee Biamonte, 4th grade and I play Tessie the orphan; Jocelyn Catrombone , 5th grade and I play a servant ; Brooklynn Swantak, grade 5 and I play Kate an orphan; Hi I’m Cameron Johnson, 6th grade and I play one of the orphans, July. M.DeBernardis – And I do have to say before they perform one of the biggest challenges that I’ve had is; unlike the when I had theatre music in the Utica District, I dd not know any of these kids from day one and NOW... Aren’t we a family!?! [Kids] Yeah. Yup. Yes. And we have one more coming in... So, our production, we’ve been practicing Mondays and Wednesdays and our dress rehearsal for the school is on Thursday, May 1st at 1:30, and then our productions are Friday and Saturday evening from 6-7pm. When we do Junior shows they are an hour long without an intermission. Look who just walked in, would you like to tell them who you are? D.DiSpirito – say who you are and what part you play. I’m Macia Valente and I play Annie. [M. DeBernardis] – and what grade are you in?] I’m in 6th grade. . [M. DeBernardis] And when this girl tried out and she opened her mouth, I said, there’s Annie! She is Annie! So, why don’t we stand up, our cast is going to sing one song for you tonight, “Tomorrow”; [lining the students up in 2 rows]. Okay, I don’t have to conduct, so I am just going to hide. Organ start to play, students sing. – Board applauded, J.Edwards stood up, K.Hubley “Nice Job!” M.Debernardis – instructed student to go and shake hands with all BOE members. “All that hard work paid off”, “Excellent”, “Awesome”, Thank you, Students and parents.

K.Hubley - Okay. First off, all I want to thank all of our board members, for this past Saturday morning we had a Board workshop and retreat and I think it was a very productive morning. Thank you for giving up your morning to work on that. We do have some take aways that we do need to work on and I think over the next few months we are going to start working on them and then, as discussed in August, we will start working on our goals to review and combine and work them so they go along with what the Superintendent will have for the next school year. So again, thank you all for coming and I appreciate that. I hope we will have more discussion about that in the board discussion. Reminder that tomorrow night is the BOCES annual meeting at OHM BOCES. To remind the community, we do have a board seat that is up, the day that is due is April 21st, by 5:00 pm to the District Clerk. We do need to meet on April 29th to vote in the BOCES budget, all component schools districts will meet that day. I believe we discussed a 5:30 pm start time. Does that work for everybody that day? Okay, great, so 5:30 pm on April 29th.

2.2 BOCES Representative Report	G. Porcelli		Informative	
2.3 Committee Reports			Information	

Policy Committee: *Steve King/Chair, Jacqueline Edwards, Abbie Taylor*

S.King – you will see some first and second readings tonight. We discussed them all at the last policy committee meeting, if you have any comments or concerns about the first readings let me know. Otherwise, they will be up for second reads at the next meeting. At our next policy meeting we will start and concentrate on the discussion of job descriptions.

Facilities Committee: *Jeremy Fennell/Chair, Sara DeFazio, Jacqueline Edwards*

J.Fennell – I don't know if the Architects have reached out to you (Superintendent) but I haven't heard much. M.LaGase – No, the last correspondence Dan said he was reaching out to you. Can you look at your calendar and maybe we can schedule a meeting on the 29th before the 5:30 BOE meeting? Maybe at 4:30 – 4:45? J.Fennell – Okay, 4:30 will do.

Communications Committee: *Abbie Taylor/Chair, Robert Mahardy*

A.Taylor – no updates at this time. One question to the superintendent are there any Parent Square updates? M. LaGase – yes, I will address this later this evening in my report.

Safety Committee: *Robert Mahardy, Jr./Chair, Abbie Taylor*

R.Mahardy, Jr. – We met on March 17th and set out the timeline going forward for the safety plan. The full committee will meet April 15th. And then from May 1st to June 1st it is open for public comment. Hopefully, we can adopt it at the 6.3.25 meeting, and having a public hearing before that.

Transportation Committee: *Sara DeFazio/Chair, Robert Mahardy, Jr. – nothing at this time.*

Finance Committee: *Jacqueline Edwards/Chair, Sara DeFazio, Jeremy Fennell*

J.Edwards – nothing at this time.

SBI: *Steve King (SBI Alternate: Jacqueline Edwards)*

S.King – the only thing I want to talk about is on Friday, the Distinguished Awards Student Achievement Awards are due. I am hoping we have a student and a distinguished person succeed, I will keep you posted if I hear anything.

3. CONSENT AGENDA				
3.1 Approval of 3.2 through 3.4	K. Hubley	Yes	Action	1 st J. Fennell 2 nd A. Taylor / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
3.2 Business Office Reports				
3.3 CSE Reports				
3.4 Approval of the Previous Minutes	3.4.2025 3.18.2025			
4. OLD BUSINESS				

4.1 Capital Updates			Information	
5. NEW BUSINESS				
5.1 Personnel Report		Yes	Action	1 st S. King 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.2 Approval Community Use of Facilities Request with OHM BOCES – Training		Yes	Action	1 st S. King 2 nd J. Fennell / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
<i>S. King</i> - just a point to make for anybody that is a Tuesday during break so it does not interfere with education.				
5.3 Policy 4001 Fiscal Responsibilities (Second Read, Adopt)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd S. King / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.4 Policy 4002 Reports of Possible Violations of the Policy or Law (Second Read, Adopt)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd S. King / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.5 Policy 4100 Budget Planning Policy (Second Read, Adopt)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd S. King / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.6 Policy 4101 Budget Administration (Second Read, Adopt)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd S. King / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.7 Policy 4102 Budget Publication and Hearing (Second Read, Adopt)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd S. King / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.8 Policy 4103 Budget Transfers (Second Read, Adopt)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd S. King / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.9 Policy 4404 Medicaid Billing Compliance (Second Read, Adopt)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd S. King / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.10 Policy 4104 Contingency Budget (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd R. Mahardy, Jr. / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____

5.11 Policy 4200 Borrowing of Funds (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd R. Mahardy, Jr. / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.12 Policy 4201 Deposits (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd R. Mahardy, Jr. / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.13 Policy 4202 Investment Policy (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd R. Mahardy, Jr. / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.14 Policy 4300 Finance Committee (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd R. Mahardy, Jr. / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.15 Policy 4301 Annual Audit (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd R. Mahardy, Jr. / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.16 Policy 2306 Ex Officio Student Member of the Board - NEW (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd J. Fennell / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____

R. Mahardy, Jr. - I have a couple of wording thoughts on the selection process “A”, where it says “The high school”, I would omit “the” because in the discussion we had about it, it can be any high school, right!?! It doesn’t necessarily have to be Mills. Because they could technically be from Utica or Whitesboro in High school and then transfer over and that would still count. My two comments really are minor. S.King – It’s any High school? If they transfer in they are eligible? M.LaGase- yes, they have to have been a high school student for 1 year. R.Mahardy, Jr. Right so that is why I want to take out the “the”, then in “B” specify us as New York Mills Union Free School High student government. S. King – I would have to bring it back to committee actually. Committee, any objections? J. Edwards- no, make it happen. S.King – okay, thank you for sharing that.

6. K-12 REPORTS

6.1 Executive Principal K-12

M. Facci

Information

M. Facci - good evening, so last month we talked about several Athletics celebrations. This past week we received some additional kudos from the Section, receiving certificates for 4 of our Athlete teams through the winter season, both boys and girls Indoor Track received that award along with Girls Volleyball and Bowling. As far as sports go – our first varsity baseball home game is this Friday at 4:30 and next week on the 7th modified practice begins. March Students of the Month from Optimists are as follows Gr.7 – Emily Salsburg; Gr.8 Aaliyah Hollenbeck; Gr.9 Abigail Misiaszek; Gr.10 Ra'id Adams; Gr.11 Nathanael Dzwonkowski; Gr.12 Danielle Pereira. Also, this past 2 weeks we have been celebrating our National Junior Society inductees and National Honor Society. We had 17 students inducted into the National Jr. Society, on March 20, 2025. That is a large group compared to years past, so that was a great success, and we had 10 students inducted into the National Honor Society. Two students received special awards. Tutor of the year awards was presented by Mr. Miga went to Selen Bilal and the Miga Memorial Award went to Danielle Pereira. We also have 5 students in All County Chorus and one All County Band, on March 15th Brody Brood, Nevaeh-Rose Vivacqua, Carter Lovecchio, Peyton Corsino, Alex White and Keira Dzwonkowski-Trombone. I attended that concert, and it was amazing they did a great job. Coming up next week we are starting 3-8 testing for ELA, on the 7th and 8th level, that is the Monday and Tuesday. The week of the 14th and 15th will be the Math testing and May 6th is Science grades 5 and 8 testing. I sent home information about this to parents in the March update. Students have been practicing using the computer-based testing system in their classrooms. The rest of the content areas for the few weeks will be completing 30-week

benchmarks. And 3rd quarter report cards go home after break. Another interesting event last week, Ms. Foote and Ms. Gaasch were able to attend the National Science Teaching Association Conference in Philadelphia. Ms. Foote applied and received a fellowship to attend free of charge and to bring a colleague. They will be highlighted what they learned in tomorrow's faculty meeting. Also, teacher observation are well underway. And we have 22 students, who will take advantage to see Dear Evan Hansen on April 9th from an anonymous donor.

6.2 Interim Principal K-12	D. DiSpirito		Information	
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D.DiSpirito - I don't even know where to start. I probably don't have nearly as much going on as the High School, but I have attended most of the events. And I just want to say both of the Honor Society inductions were beautifully done. Alyssa Vanno really needs some kudos for that as she took the lead on both of them this time and did a fabulous job. So, a big Thank you to Ms. Vanno for that. You saw our Annie Jr. cast, production is May 2nd and 3rd. Also, on May 2nd you have an invitation at your seat for the Kindergarten tree planting ceremony, taking place at 11:00 that morning. Mr. and Mrs. George Herthum have established a fund and we plant a tree somewhere around the campus, depending on sunlight and what kind of tree. The Kids are very excited for that. Next, on May 13th is the band and choir concert. We have data meetings scheduled for this week, where Mrs. Woodward leads each teacher through the collection of Star, class work, Dibbles and highlights some of the students that are in need of support and even highlights those that are doing exceptionally well. We go through every single class, and every single teacher and every single student and their data to see if there is anything missing, anything to add or take away and if they have gotten better at things or if there is an area they have been struggling with so we can give additional support. Our testing begins Monday also, but we will go April 7, 8, 9, 10. On the 7th and 8th we do grades 3 and 5 and on the 9th and 10th we will do grades 4 and 6. The reason behind this is because of the amount of accommodations we have to provide. We tried to split those up a little bit, so we have enough staff to provide all the accommodations. The next week we will do Math, the same grade levels April 14, 15th will be grades 3 and 5, 16 and 17th will be grades 4 and 6. We are already looking forward to the end of the school year. Our field trips have been planned with a couple different zoo's; 5th grade is going to try the Erie Canal cruise for the first time in a very long time; 4th grade will be going to Cooperstown and 6th grade, [should I actually tell them where they are going? M.LaGase- Sure, I'm actually going on this trip.] is going to Water Safari! M.Facci – where the fun never stops! K.Hubley – Wait, I thought there had to be an educational element? M.LaGase- there is, R.Mahardy, Jr. – Physics! It's all throughout the park. S.King- we will be sure to get pictures of you going down the waterslides. Hahaha M.LaGase – I will NOT be going down any waterslides. K.Hubley – well, if you are short any chaperones I can handle the lazy river. D.DiSpirito – will do hahaha. Lastly, we decided to put Olympic Day the very last week of school. We are going to make it an entire fun day, because we know by June 27th people will be pulling their hair out and with Coach having sectionals and states we decided to put it off until the last week on Wednesday, June 25th. A question was asked by Public is that a full day or half day? DiSpirito – right now everyday of that week is a full day. Public – Oh, God bless you. Hahaha. DiSpirito- Wednesday is definitely a full day. And that is that!

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7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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7.1 Enrollment Update	M. LaGase	Yes	Information	
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7.2 Superintendent's Update	M. LaGase		Information	
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Mrs. LaGase - I only have 2 items since our last meeting and update. One, is the roll out of Parent Square, we are well positioned for this to happen. Parents will be receiving a notification on Monday, April 7th with an invite. I was working collectively today with Communications on our website, and the MORIC staff on information for the district website. They have gathered a series of resources they will be putting on our website. Also, a letter will be going home with students, along with a supplemental "get started" guide. It is the expectation that faculty and staff will be doing small, general correspondences to get themselves familiar with using the platform as get parents get use to this new communication tool. July 1st will be the official change from School Messenger to Parent Square for both general correspondence, and mass communications/urgent alerts. This platform is user driven, it relies on the parent or guardian to access and get the account set up. There should be enough time for parents to get comfortable before the official start date. We are working with the MORIC staff to identify a day

for an evening session, if parents wanted to come on campus with questions. There will be videos and other resources right on the school website that parents and community members can access for assistance. A.Taylor- How does the push work? M.LaGase – it goes to existing contacts in SchoolTool, however, Parent Square requires certain relationships so it will not go to a full scope of what is the student management system for legal liabilities. However, there will be a community group so if you are not a parent but want those notifications, you can sign up in the Community group. Smart phones are not necessary for messages for those community members that rely on a phone call. K.Hubley – is there a plan for the first few weeks before and during school for families that take to summer off? M.LaGase - we will do a test run in July, to all the families. That is why we are rolling it out now, so people can get their accounts ready before the system is formally used for mass communication. There will be a quick link of Parent Square on the website with resources and access. The other item is, the Business Office and maintenance department have been working together to ensure the roof that blew off previously on the dug-out is fully repaired. That work is moving along very nicely and should be completed soon. A. Taylor – who is doing the work? M.LaGase – OHM BOCES construction class.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

K.Hubley – Before we move to communication from the floor, we do have 2 items that we need to bring to the table from the floor. 1. A Resolution to accept additional money for the Miga Scholarship fund. Mr. Miga wrote a check for \$3,000.00 the night of the Honor Society. So, I will read the Resolution: “Be it Resolved that the New York Mills Board of Education accepts memorial monies in the amount of \$3,000.00 from the Wester E. Miga and Lorraine R. Miga Family Trust to contribute toward an established expendable scholarship.” Do I have a motion? Mr.King, Second, Ms. Edwards, all those in favor? So, moved; [Yes 6, No 0]

Now we have a Resolution for the appointment of a hearing officer in accordance with Section 75 with the civil service law. I’m going to ask Mrs. LaGase to speak on behalf to that. M.LaGase- This resolution is in regards to due process related to litigation. It is important to appoint this officer regarding a current matter the district is dealing with, because it is related to litigation and the employment of a person currently on payroll. If there are any additional questions we would have to move into executive session. K.Hubley – do we need to move into executive session to discuss, or it is just the resolution to accept at this time. S.King – we are required to have such person? M.LaGase – yes. S.King – ok, motion. J.Edwards – second. K.Hubley – so I am going to read it, “the recommendation of the Superintendent on the motion of Steve King, seconded by Jackie Edwards, the following resolution of appointment was presented be it Resolved, John Orillio of Utica, NY is hereby appointed to serve as hearing Officer per Civil Service Law Section 75 for the New York Mills Union Free School District.” All those in favor – Thank you. [yes 6, no 0].

8.1 From the Floor -

District Clerk

Information

Persons wishing to speak should first be recognized by the President, then identify themselves, any organization they may be representing at the meeting, and the agenda topic or other matter of public concern about our schools that they wish to discuss. Topics must be addressed one at a time with each individual's comments limited to three (3) minutes for a total of twelve (12) minutes designated for the public comment agenda item.

8.2 Board Discussion

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Discussion

S.King - a few things; a lot of us had the opportunity to attend the Showcase at BOCES and as I have said many times before, it’s a great, great event. The kids are able to present in an informal way, and they are very enthusiastic and knowledgeable on their topics. And our students that presented to us on the STEM Club were there and they were much more relaxed and maybe perhaps when we have student presentations we make it a little less formal, where we don’t sit around a table and stare at them, but get up and interact with them a little better. BUT it’s a good ol’ SBI event, so I thank those that had attended and hopefully we continue that going forward. I have had the opportunity to attended both Honor Society events and kudos to all to all those students who are now members

of the Honor Society. It's wonderful that we had that many. Kristin wanted us to talk about the workshop a little bit so, I thought it was a very productive event and I liked the fact we did the board self-evaluation which is something I have wanted to do for a very long time and I like to way we did. So, I appreciate that work we did. We have some things to talk about, but, we can work on that. And the last thing, I think we should start every meeting with a musical presentation! I haven't smiled so much in a board meeting in probably in well over a year. So, I appreciate them coming in and I look forward to attending one night, if not both nights, of the musical this year. That's all I have.

J.Edwards – I will keep mine short and sweet, because Steve had it covered. Very much impressed by SBI Showcase as usual. A lot of great ideas. Things to investigate to see if they are doable here. I would like to give a special shout out to Mr. Worboys and I have said to the Superintendent he was excellent with the students, letting them take to lead and his enthusiasm for the curriculum and topic was very, very evident. That's all I got. Just wanted to make sure he was noted in the record – he was phenomenal!

R.Mahardy, Jr. – yeah, just a couple of comments on the workshop. First of all, a thank you to Mr. VanWormer, Mr. Moats, same thing, I appreciate the effort and I really like the way Mr. Moats did the evaluation. Beginning when we went through the thing, we didn't think about it too much and THEN we dove into it. I definitely would like us to look at it. We looked at the top end, and bottom and those couple items in the middle had a little more diversity of our answers, I would like to revisits those at some point in another workshop.

J.Fennell – I thought the workshop was productive as well. It was nice to see that we all kind of agreed on some stuff and then we had some diverse opinions and we kind of delved into that. It's probably a good kind of platform to kind of really make sure we are doing all the things that we think we should be doing on the school board. Also, the SBI showcase was really cool to see. To talked with the kids, all of them were super enthused with what they were doing, it wasn't like they were there because they had to. It was neat to see, they had some trade stuff and a bunch of different things the students are exposed to. And whatever, whoever, I didn't really get a chance to talk to many teachers except the Welding Instructor and he was pretty enthused about the new technology they have there. But outside of that, obviously they are doing a great job at getting the kids engaged and excited about their interests. It was nice to get a quick snapshot of that.

A.Taylor – yeah, the BOCES showcase was incredible. I was surprised at how many NYMills kids we recognized there, New York Mills is definitely present there. So many different programs, so that was great to see, really makes me want to change my career because there was a lot of cool opportunities there. And I am sure, I tried to remember names because I feel the students will become successful because they were just so passionate about what they were doing. One thing. I want the record to show that the talent show was the best night of my life, because previously I said Trunk or Treat was the best night of my life. So, I just want to update that. LOL. It was sooo incredible, to see our school come together K through 12 and put on an incredible performance. To see students cheering on other students, it really was just a great production and very well organized and I know Mrs. St.James pretty much organized all of it with help of Mrs. Steffen. There was some special performances as well, if you didn't attend you missed out, it was so great. So great! And again – is it Worboy? Yes, he was is just so passionate and you can see that in the students he works with. It would be nice to see that sort of passion kind of trickle down to younger grades to really feed that program. He has something really great started there. J.Edwards – it's funny you say that Abbie, because he would love to bring it to the elementary side. To have a teacher say yeah, I think I can do so much more if I had the ability to do that. It was funny I said maybe as a board we should talk about funding that to get another person involved and Steve just about clutched his chest in shock and said the most fiscally conservative person in this board is talking about spending money. [A.Taylor – Let the record show! M. LaGase – Let the record show! Put that in BOLD Mandy. K.Hubley – we want it word for word. LOL]. A.Taylor – the fact that it benefits educationally and socially it is multi-factual on how much it adds to students.

K.Hubley – I am just going to take a minute. I went to Utica University to see Battle of the Books. I was very impressed with all the students and how they could remember verses and authors. I don't even know who the author is of the book I'm reading now, so, the fact that they were all on it. With such a great

camaraderie. Our middle school students made it to, I believe, to the play-off rounds, but unfortunately, I was unable to make it back to for that, but I heard they did great. Also, I am glad the talent show is back. To see the older and younger kids working together is wonderful. I did also make it to the Junior and National Honor Society inductions and I had the privilege of sitting with the Miga family. They are such a wonder family and to hear how passionate they are about New York Mills School and impressed he was with our students. I mean it shows as he gave another donation. They are a real gem for us to have in our community and we are very thankful for all they do for us. Really a great banquet to be at. Tomorrow night at the BOCES budget meeting, it's almost the same but a little different to see the opportunities provided but on a small scale. I really like, at the end of the night when they bring out the culinary students and you get to see all the students and the pride of their accomplishments of the dinner they give us. A.Taylor – I was talking to one NYMills student in the Culinary program and he going to be interning at Taylor and the Cook and I was like how incredible is that!?! for his resume. J.Edwards – Kristin your triggered this about reading. I forgot to mention and thought it was kind of nice, that BOCES did have a library there. Students suggested it to a couple of teachers, so some teacher took a few lockers and made shelves out of them and they started with putting books in there. They are looking for series suggestions, they have a list of interests for donations of age appropriate, young adult books. Keep that in mind, maybe contacting BOCES library as you empty out your bookshelves. K.Hubley – Great, that great to hear. Thank you Jackie. Okay, without anything else, we don't need an executive session. Have a great night everyone.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION ** (If Needed)	BOE		Discussion/Action	1 st _____ 2 nd _____ / Yes ___ No___ Abstain ___
9.1 Return to General Session (time)	BOE		Action	1 st _____ 2 nd _____ / Yes ___ No___ Abstain ___
10. ADJOURNMENT				
10.1 Adjournment		6:56 pm	Action	1 st S. King 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ___

**§105. Conduct of executive sessions.

1. Upon a majority vote of its total membership, taken in an open meeting pursuant to a motion identifying the general area or areas of the subject or subjects to be considered, a public body may conduct an executive session for the below enumerated purposes only, provided, however, that no action by formal vote shall be taken to appropriate public moneys:
 - a. matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed;
 - b. any matter which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer;
 - c. information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed;
 - d. discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation;
 - e. collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law;
 - f. the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;
 - g. the preparation, grading or administration of examinations; and
 - h. the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.
2. Attendance at an executive session shall be permitted to any member of the public body and any other persons authorized by the public body.